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- 1. SOVIET EMBASSY ADVISED DEPT THAT SOVIET WAR VETERANS' COMMITTEE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE SIX-MAN VETERANS GROUP ALONG LINES REFTEL. GROUP SHOULD ARRIVE MAY 2 OR 3 AND STAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. USG WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOSCOW AND VETERANS COMMITTEE WILL TAKE CARE OF TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN USSR.
- 2. WE WILL BE GIVING SOVIET EMBASSY THIS WEEK FOLLOWING LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:
- -- REAR ADMIRAL (RET.) SAMUEL B. FRANKEL, COMMANDER NAVAL OPERATIONS MURMANSK AND ARCHANGELSK;
- -- JOHN J. STANG, NATIONAL COMMANDER, VFW; CONFIDENTIAL

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- -- ROBERT P. FOSTER, CHAIRMAN FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION, AMERICAN LEGION;
- -- LYLE C. PEARSON, NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS;
- -- PROFESSOR ALBERT LEPAWSKY, EXEC. OFFICER AT PIRYATIN AND COMMANDER AT POLTAVA (SHUTTLE BOMBING);
- -- DR. WILLIAM D. ROBERTSON, COMMANDER OF PATROL THAT MET SOVIETS ON THE ELBE.

(FULL BIO DETAILS FOLLOW)

- 3. WE PLAN TO HAVE GROUP IN DEPT FOR ORIENTATION SESSION MAY 1. THEY WILL DEPART FOR MOSCOW LATE ON MAY 1 OR EARLY ON MAY 2.
- 4. SOVIET SIDE WILL SEND RETURN DELEGATION TO US AT SOME UNSPECIFIED DATE IN FUTURE.
- 5. IN DUE COURSE AFTER SOVIET EMBASSY HAS HAD TIME TO REPORT, EMBASSY MAY WISH CONTACT VETERANS' COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING DELEGATION AND ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON PROGRAM FOR VISIT. KISSINGER

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